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CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 13, 2010
TO: Group Insurance Board
FROM: Sharon Walk,
 Appeals Coordinator
SUBJECT: Pending Appeals

This memo is provided for informational purposes only. No Board action is necessary.

This memo shows the appeals that were filed in 2009, with a breakdown showing the types of appeals currently pending.

For the period January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2009, 29 new appeals were filed, with 11 being appeals to the Group Insurance (GI) Board. During that same period, 41 appeal cases were closed of which 11 were GI Board appeals.

There are currently 26 pending appeals, which can be divided into the following categories:

- GI Board (10)
 - Long-Term Disability Insurance Denial..... 5
 - Health Insurance Coverage 4
 - Income Continuation Insurance 1

- Employee Trust Funds Board (11)
 - Participation or Category of Employment 3
 - Annuity Option or Creditable Service..... 3
 - Beneficiary..... 4
 - Variable Fund Cancellation 1

- Wisconsin Retirement Board (3)
 - Section 40.63 Disability Denial 3

Reviewed and approved by Robert J. Conlin, Deputy Secretary.	
_____ Signature	_____ Date

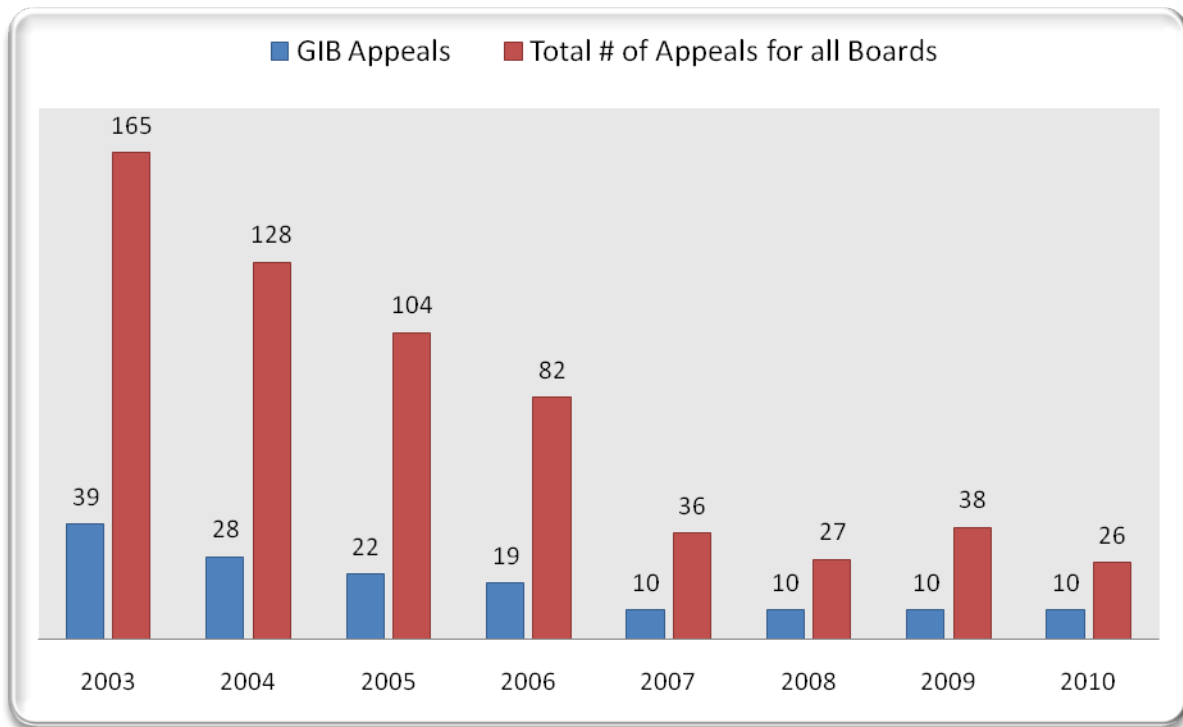
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Teachers Retirement Board (1)
Section 40.63 Disability Denial 1

Deferred Compensation Board (1)
Denial of Application for Hardship Withdrawal..... 1

For the past eight years, the number of pending appeals before all of the boards has steadily decreased. One reason for the decrease is staff effort to work with participants and, in particular, educate them on the criteria needed to qualify for benefits. If a participant wishes to pursue an appeal through the hearing process, they are never discouraged. However, many participants decide not to appeal, or withdraw their appeals, once they understand the reasons behind the Department's determination.

The chart below shows the number of appeals pending for the GI Board as of January 1 of each year and the total number of appeals pending for all boards.



Staff will be available at the February 9, 2010, meeting to answer any questions you may have.